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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the August 16, 2007 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the period for responding to that Action for three (3) months, from November 16, 2007 up to and including February 16, 2008 and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3).

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this Reply.

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